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ALLARD ASKS COUNTRY TO PRAY FOR THE COMMUNITY OF LITTLETON Need to Commit Ourselves to Finding a Solution to this Tragic Problem

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO) made a statement on the floor of the Senate today to express his shock and dismay at the violence and bloodshed at Columbine High School yesterday, and to ask that all Americans pray for those families affected by the shooting at Columbine High School.

"Words cannot do justification to the deep sense of loss all of us are feeling today following the tragedy at Columbine High School," Allard said. "But words, these words, and the words of our prayers are what we have to offer now. I offer my condolences to all those who lost loved ones, and to those whose loved ones have been wounded, hurt, and terrified."

Allard also feels that "we should recognize the heroism of the local police, the emergency personnel, and others who responded, as well as the heroism of the students and teachers caught in this attack. Many put their lives on the line to rescue students and escort them to safety. The simple, unplanned bravery and courage of those who did whatever they could, in the midst of mayhem and terror to avert further tragedy, might never be fully known but should be fully acknowledged."

Allard said that in the coming months there is a need for us to commit ourselves to finding a solution to this tragic problem. That we must ask ourselves how this could happen, and what can be done to prevent this from ever happening again.

"Right now, I think the best response in the aftermath of this horror is, as Governor Bill Owens said, to hug our children. To hug them, and think about providing a better, more secure future," Allard concluded.